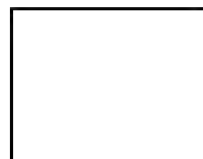


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the President
(Mr. Rostow)

The Deputy Secretary of Defense

The Deputy Under Secretary of State
for Political Affairs

Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: OXCART Reconnaissance of North Korea

Tom Hydro
The attached document is forwarded to the 303 Committee for consideration and approval. It is a proposal to utilize the OXCART aircraft to obtain the necessary photographic reconnaissance of critical target areas in North Korea as requested by CINCPAC.

At the USIB meeting on 27 September 1967, the State Department member dissented from the proposal and it is now forwarded for 303 Committee consideration.

Use of the OXCART for overflight of North Korea will not degrade the existing capability for overflight of North Vietnam.

I concur with the recommendation of COMIREX that the OXCART aircraft offers the best and most expeditious way to meet the stated requirement for reconnaissance coverage of North Korea. However, BUMBLE BUG drone operations are a feasible, but less efficient alternative (as COMIREX indicated). Available BUMBLE BUG resources are adequate to conduct this operation if directed.

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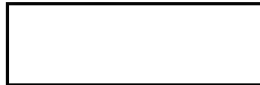
Upon approval of this proposal I will convene the Interdepartmental Contingency Planning Committee for more detailed consideration of the cover plan.

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